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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION (INFCE)

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- 1. IN ABSENCE ON LEAVE OF LABERGE, DIRECTOR COMMODITY AND ENERGY DIVISION AT EXTAFF, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR DELIVERED PROPOSED STUDY OUTLINE (REFTEL) TO VECHSLER WHO ASSISTS LABERGE ON INFCE MATTERS.
- 2. VECHSLER WAS FAMILIAR WITH OUTLINE FROM PARIS EXPERTS' MEETINGS AND WAS PLEASED TO LEARN US PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR FALL MEETING. GOC PARTICIPATION, HOWEVER, REQUIRES FORMAL APPROVAL FROM PRIMIN'S OFFICE, WHICH EXTAFF IS SEEKING EXPEDITIOUSLY. REPLY TO EMBASSY EXPECTED NEXT WEEK.
- 3. VECHSLER'S ONLY CONCERN WAS THAT "PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS" FROM SECOND EXPERTS' MEETING NOT BE A CONFERENCE DOCUMENT FOR DISCUSSION AT WASHINGTON, SINCE GOC BELIEVES IT GOES TOO FAR IN REFLECTING FRENCH VIEWS AND WOULD PREJUDICE OBJECTIVITY OF EVALUATION IF IT WERE INTRODUCED AS A GUIDELINE OR STARTING POINT. VECHSLER RECOGNIZED, OF COURSE, THAT FRANCE COULD INTRODUCE SUBSTANCE OF "PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS" AT MEETING IF IT WISHED. IN REPLY, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR DREW ON PARA 5 TO INDICATE THAT U.S. HAD NO CONFIDENTIAL.

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PRESENT INTENTION TO CIRCULATE ANALYSIS.

4. VECHSLER SAID OUTLINE WOULD BE CIRCULATED TO OTHER GOC AGENCIES FOR THEIR COMMENT ON AREAS WHERE CANADA MIGHT WISH TO TAKE LEAD OR HAD SPECIAL INTEREST. RESULTS WILL BE COMMUNICATED THROUGH EMBASSY, PROBABLY IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. ENDERS

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